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For: DRUG-CARRIER COMPLEXES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Reply to the Restriction Requirement, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 18, 2001. A petition to extend the shortened statutory period for reply to the Restriction Requirement for one month, from January 18, 2002 to February 18, 2002, and the requisite fee are enclosed herewith.

In reply to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I (Claims 1-84), drawn to compositions and methods comprising a drug-carrier complex, classified in class 514, subclass 1, for prosecution, without traverse. Further, as requested by the Examiner, Applicant selects an intercalator as the drug, a double-stranded nucleotide as the carrier, and a polyacetal as the polymer.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

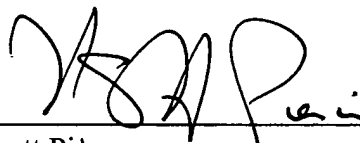
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If the Examiner would like to discuss the Reply to the Restriction Requirement, she is invited to call Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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